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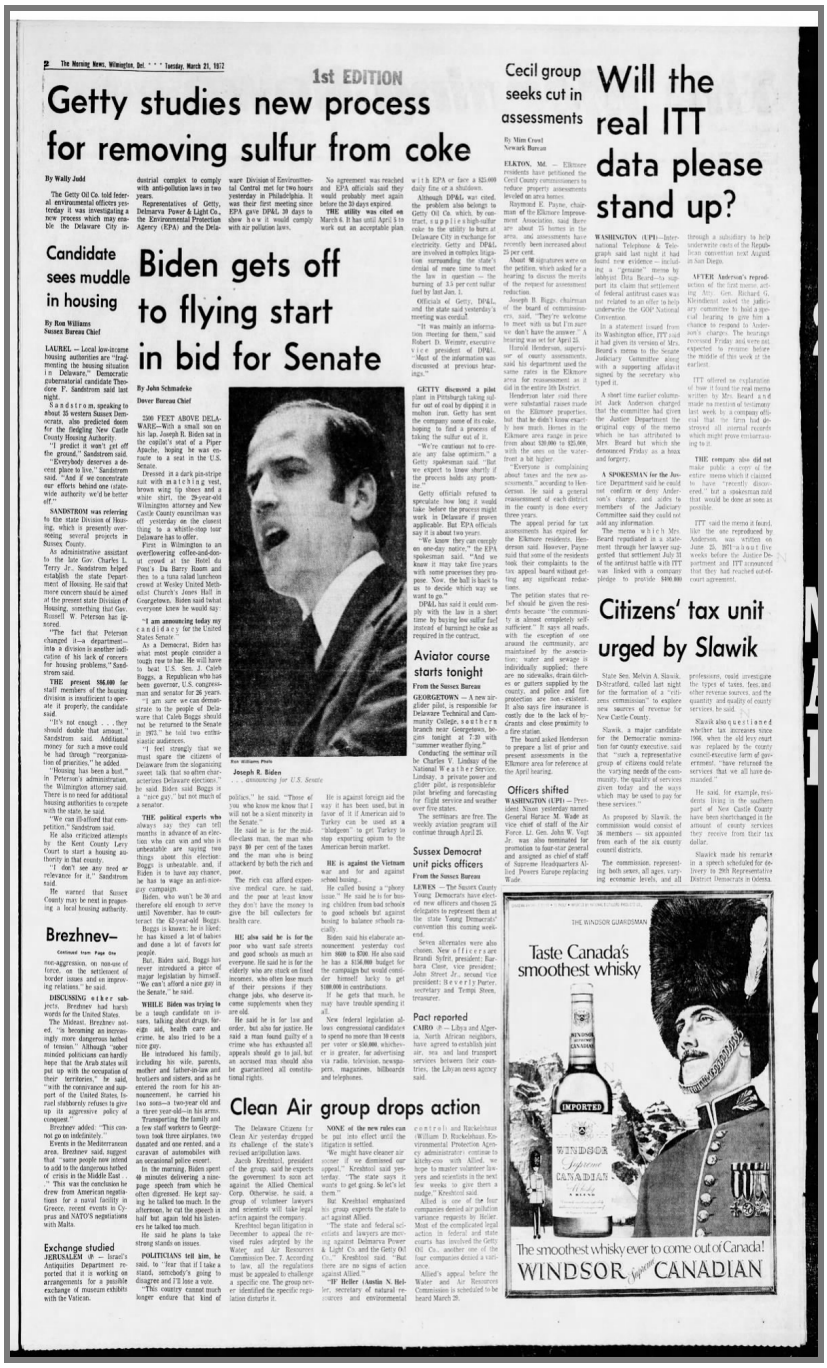

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Getty studies new process for removing sulfur from coke

By Wally Judd

The Getty Oil Co. told federal environmental officers yesterday it was investigating a new process which may enable the Delaware City industrial complex to comply with anti-pollution laws in two years.

Representatives of Getty, Delmarva Power & Light Co., the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Delaware Division of Environmental Control met for two hours yesterday in Philadelphia. It was their first meeting since EPA gave DP&L 30 days to show how it would comply with air pollution laws.

No agreement was reached and EPA officials said they would probably meet again before the 30 days expired.

THE utility was cited on March 6. It has until April 5 to work out an acceptable plan with EPA or face a $25,000 daily fine of a shutdown.

Although DP&L was cited, the problem also belongs to Getty Oil Co. which, by contract, supplies high-sulfur coke to the utility to burn at Delaware City in exchange for electricity. Getty and DP&L are involved in complex litigation surrounding the state's denial of more time to meet the law in question — the burning of 2.5 per cent sulfur fuel by last Jan. 1.

Officials of Getty, DP&L and the state said yesterday's meeting was cordial.

"It was mainly an information meeting for them," said Robert D. Wenner, executive vice president of DP&L. "Most of the information was discussed at previous hearings."

GETTY discussed a pilot plant in Pittsburgh taking sulfur out of coal by dipping it in molten iron. Getty has sent the company some of its coke, hoping to find a process of taking the sulfur out of it.

"We're cautious not to create any false optimism," a Getty spokesman said. "But we expect to know shortly if the process holds any promise."

Getty officials refused to speculate how long it would take before the process might work in Delaware if proven applicable. But EPA officials say it is about two years.

"We know they can comply on one-day notice," the EPA spokesman said. "And we know it may take five years with some processes they propose. Now, the ball is back to us to decide which way we want to go."

DP&L has said it could comply with the law in a short time by buying low sulfur fuel instead of burning it be coke as required in the contract.

Candidate sees muddle in housing

By Ron Williams
Sussex Bureau Chief

LAUREL — Local low-income housing authorities are "frustrating the housing situation in Delaware," Democratic gubernatorial candidate Theodore F. Sandstrom said last night.

Sandstrom, speaking to about 35 western Sussex Democrats, also predicted doom for the fledgling New Castle County Housing Authority.

"I predict it won't get off the ground," Sandstrom said.

"Everybody deserves a decent place to live," Sandstrom said. "And if we concentrate our efforts behind one statewide authority we'd be better off."

SANDSTROM was reelected to the state Division of Housing, which is presently overseeing several projects in Sussex County.

As administrative assistant to the late Gov. Charles L. Terry Jr., Sandstrom helped establish the state Department of Housing. He said that more concern should be aimed at the present state Division of Housing, something that Governor Russell W. Peterson has ignored.

"The fact that Peterson changed it—a department—into a division is another indication of his lack of concern for housing problems," Sandstrom said.

THE present $86,400 for staff members of the housing division is insufficient to operate it properly, the candidate said.

"It's not enough . . . they should double that amount," Sandstrom said. Additional money for such a move could be had through "reorganization of priorities," he added.

"Housing has been a hunt," in Peterson's administration, the Wilmington attorney said. There is no need for additional housing authorities to compete with the state, he said.

"We can ill-afford that competition," Sandstrom said.

He also criticized attempts by the Kent County Levy Court to start a housing authority in that county.

"I don't see any need or relevance for it," Sandstrom said.

He warned that Sussex County may be next in propagating a local housing authority.

Brezhnev—

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non-aggression, on non-use of force, on the settlement of border issues and on improving relations," he said.

DISCUSSING other subjects, Brezhnev had harsh words for the United States.

The Mideast, Brezhnev noted, "is becoming an increasingly more dangerous hotbed of tension." Although "subservient politicians can hardly believe that the Arab states will put up with the occupation of their territories," he said, "with the connivance and support of the United States, Israel stubbornly refuses to give up its aggressive policy of conquest."

Brezhnev added: "This cannot go on indefinitely."

Events in the Mediterranean area, Brezhnev said, suggest that "some people now intend to add to the dangerous hotbed of crisis in the Middle East . . ." This was the conclusion he drew from American negotiations for a naval facility in Greece, recent events in Cyprus and NATO's negotiations with Malta.

Exchange studied

JERUSALEM (AP — Israel's Antiquities Department reported that it is working on arrangements for a possible exchange of museum exhibits with the Vatican.

Biden gets off to flying start in bid for Senate

By John Schmaelcke
Dover Bureau Chief

2500 FEET ABOVE DELAWARE—With a small sun on his lap, Joseph B. Biden sat in the copilot's seat of a Piper Apache, hoping he was en-route to a seat in the U.S. Senate.

Dressed in a dark pin-stripe suit with matching vest, brown wing tip shoes and a white shirt, the 29-year-old Wilmington attorney and New Castle County councilman was off yesterday on the classiest thing to a whistle-stop tour Delaware has to offer.

First in Wilmington to an overflowing coffee-and-doughnut crowd at the Hotel du Pont's Da Barry Room and then to a tuna salad luncheon crowd at Wesley United Methodist Church's Jones Hall in Georgetown, Biden said (what everyone knew he would say:

"I am announcing today my candidacy for the United States Senate."

As a Democrat, Biden has what most people consider a tough row to hoe. He will have to beat U.S. Sen. J. Caleb Boggs, a Republican who has been governor, U.S. congressman and senator for 26 years.

"I am sure we can demonstrate to the people of Delaware that Caleb Boggs should not be returned to the Senate in 1972," he told two enthusiastic audiences.

"I feel strongly that we must spare the citizens of Delaware from the sloganizing career talk that so often characterizes Delaware elections."

he said. Biden said Boggs is a "nice guy," but not much of a senator.

THE political experts who always say they can tell months in advance of an election who can win and who is unbeatable are saying two things about this election: Boggs is unbeatable, and, if Biden is to have any chance, he has to wage an anti-nice-guy campaign.

Biden, who won't be 30 and therefore old enough to serve until November, has to contract the 62-year-old Boggs.

Boggs is known; he is liked; he has kissed a lot of babies and done a lot of favors for people.

But, Biden said, Boggs has never introduced a piece of major legislation by himself. "We can't afford a nice guy in the Senate," he said.

WHILE Biden was trying to be a tough candidate on issues, talking about drugs, foreign aid, health care and crime, he also tried to be a nice guy.

He introduced his family, including his wife, parents, mother and father-in-law and brothers and sisters, and as he entered the room for his announcement, he carried his two sons—a two-year old and a three year-old—in his arms.

Transporting the family and a few staff workers to Georgetown took three airplanes, two donated and one rented, and a caravan of automobiles with an occasional police escort.

In the morning, Biden spent 40 minutes delivering a nine-page speech from which he often digressed. He kept saying he talked too much. In the afternoon, he cut the speech in half but again told his listeners he talked too much.

He said he plans to take strong stands on issues.

POLITICIANS tell him, he said, to "fear that if I take a stand, nobody's going to disagree and I'll lose a vote.

"This country cannot much longer endure that kind of politics," he said. "Those of you who know me know that I will not be a silent minority in the Senate."

He said he is for the middle-class man, the man who pays 80 per cent of the taxes and the man who is being attacked by both the rich and poor.

The rich can afford expensive medical care, he said, and the poor at least know they don't have the money to give the bill collectors for health care.

HE also said he is for the poor who want safe streets and good schools as much as everyone. He said he is for the elderly who are stuck on fixed incomes, who often lose much of their pensions if they change jobs, who deserve income supplements when they are old.

He said he is for law and order, but also for justice. He said a man found guilty of a crime who has exhausted all appeals should go to jail, but an accused man should also be guaranteed all constitutional rights.

Ron Williams Photo
Joseph R. Biden
. . . announcing for U.S. Senate

He is against foreign aid the way it has been used, but in favor of it if American aid to Turkey can be used as a "bludgeon" to get Turkey to stop exporting opium to the American heroin market.

HE is against the Vietnam war and for and against school busing.

He called busing a "phony issue." He said he is for busing children from bad schools to good schools but against busing to balance schools racially.

Biden said his elaborate announcement yesterday cost him $600 to $700. He also said he has a $150,000 budget for the campaign but would consider himself lucky to get $100,000 in contributions.

If he gets that much, he may have trouble spending it all.

New federal legislation allows congressional candidates to spend no more than 10 cents per voter or $50,000, whichever is greater, for advertising via radio, television, newspapers, magazines, billboards and telephones.

Clean Air group drops action

The Delaware Citizens for Clean Air yesterday dropped its challenge of the state's revised antipollution laws.

Jacob Kreshtool, president of the group, said he expects the government to soon act against the Allied Chemical Corp. Otherwise, he said, a group of volunteer lawyers and scientists will take legal action against the company.

Kreshtool began litigation in December to appeal the revised rules adopted by the Water and Air Resources Commission Dec. 7. According to law, all the regulations must be appealed to challenge a specific one. The group never identified the specific regulation disturbe it.

NINE of the new rules can be put into effect until the litigation is settled.

"We might have cleaner air sooner if we dismissed our appeal," Kreshtool said yesterday. "The state says it wants to get going. So let's let them."

But Kreshtool emphasized his group expects the state to act against Allied.

"The state and federal officials and lawyers are moving against Delmarva Power & Light Co. and the Getty Oil Co.," Kreshtool said. "But there are no signs of action against Allied."

"IF Heller (Austin N. Heller, secretary of natural resources and environmental controls and Ruckelshaus (William D. Ruckelshaus, Environmental Protection Agency administrator continue to kitchy-coo with Allied, we have to muster volunteer lawyers and scientists in the next few weeks to give them a nudge," Kreshtool said.

Allied is one of the four companies denied air pollution variance requests by Heller. Most of the complicated legal action in federal and state courts has involved the Getty Oil Co., another one of the four companies denied a variance.

Allied's appeal before the Water and Air Resources Commission is scheduled to be heard March 28.

Cecil group seeks cut in assessments

By Mim Creel
Newark Bureau

ELKTON, Md. — Elkmore residents have petitioned the Cecil County commissioners to reduce property assessments leveled on area homes.

Raymond E. Payne, chairman of the Elkmore Improvement Association, said there are about 75 homes in the area, and assessments have recently been increased about 25 per cent.

About 50 signatures were on the petition, which asked for a hearing to discuss the merits of the request for assessment reduction.

Joseph B. Biggs, chairman of the board of commissioners, said, "They're welcome to meet with us but I'm sure we don't have the answer." A hearing was set for April 25.

Harold Henderson, supervisor of county assessments, said his department used the same rates in the Elkmore area for reassessment as it did in the entire 5th District.

Henderson later said there were substantial raises made on the Elkmore properties, but that he didn't know exactly how much. Homes in the Elkmore area range in price from about $30,000 to $25,000, with the ones on the water front a bit higher.

"Everyone is complaining about taxes and the new assessments," according to Henderson. He said a general reassessment of each district in the county is done every three years.

The appeal period for tax assessments has expired for the Elkmore residents, Henderson said. However, Payne said that some of the residents took their complaints to the tax appeal board without getting any significant reductions.

The petition states that relief should be given the residents because "the community is almost completely self-sufficient." It says all roads, with the exception of one around the community, are maintained by the association; water and sewage is individually supplied; there are no sidewalks, drain ditches or gutters supplied by the county, and police and fire protection are non-existent. It also says fire insurance is costly due to the lack of hydrants and close proximity to a fire station.

The board asked Henderson to prepare a list of prior and present assessments in the Elkmore area for reference at the April hearing.

Aviator course starts tonight

From the Sussex Bureau

GEORGETOWN — A new sailplane pilot, is responsible for Delaware Technical and Community College, southern branch near Georgetown, begins tonight at 7:30 with "summer weather flying."

Conducting the seminar will be Charles V. Lindsay of the National Weather Service. Lindsay, a private power and glider pilot, is responsible for pilot briefing and forecasting for flight service and weather over five states.

The seminars are free. The weekly aviation program will continue through April 25.

Sussex Democrat unit picks officers

From the Sussex Bureau

LEWES — The Sussex County Young Democrats have elected new officers and chosen 25 delegates to represent them at the state Young Democrats' convention this coming weekend.

Seven alternates were also chosen. New officers are Brandi Sybil, president; Barbara Close, vice president; John Street Jr., second vice president; Beverly Payne, secretary and Temps Steen, treasurer.

Pact reported

Libya and Algeria, North African neighbors, have agreed to establish joint air, sea and land transport services between their countries, the Libyan news agency said.

Officers shifted

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Nixon yesterday named General Horace M. Wade as vice chief of staff of the Air Force Lt. Gen. John W. Vogt Jr. was also nominated for promotion to four-star general and assigned as chief of staff of Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe replacing Wade.

Will the real ITT data please stand up?

WASHINGTON (UPI)—International Telephone & Telegraph said last night it had found new evidence — including a "genuine" memo by lobbyist Dita Beard—to support its claim that settlement of federal antitrust cases was not related to an offer to help underwrite the GOP National Convention.

In a statement issued from its Washington office, ITT said it had given its version of Mrs. Beard's memo to the Senate Judiciary Committee along with a supporting affidavit signed by the secretary who typed it.

A short time earlier columnist Jack Anderson charged that the committee had given the Justice Department the original copy of the memo which he has attributed to Mrs. Beard but which she denounced Friday as a hoax and forgery.

A SPOKESMAN for the Justice Department said he could not confirm or deny Anderson's charge, and aides to members of the Judiciary Committee said they could not add any information.

The memo which Mrs. Beard repudiated in a statement through her lawyer suggested that settlement July 31 of the antitrust battle with ITT was linked with a company pledge to provide $400,000 through a subsidiary to help underwrite costs of the Republican convention next August in San Diego.

AFTER Anderson's repeated action of the first memo, asking Atty. Gen. Richard G. Kleindienst asked the judiciary committee to hold a special hearing to give him a chance to respond to Anderson's charges. The hearings reversed Friday and were not expected to resume before the middle of this week of the earliest.

ITT offered no explanation of how it found the real memo written by Mrs. Beard and made no mention of testimony last week by a company official that the firm had destroyed all internal records which might prove embarrassing to it.

THE company also did not make public a copy of the entire memo which it claimed to have "recently discovered," but a spokesman said that would be done as soon as possible.

ITT said the memo it found, like the one reproduced by Anderson, was written on June 25, 1971—a year five weeks before the Justice Department and ITT announced that they had reached out-of-court agreement.

Citizens' tax unit urged by Slawik

State Sen. Melvin A. Slawik, D-Stratford, called last night for the formation of a "citizens commission" to explore new sources of revenue for New Castle County.

Slawik, a major candidate for the Democratic nomination for county executive, said that "such a representative group of citizens could study the varying needs of the community, the quality of services given today and the ways which may be used to pay for these services."

As proposed by Slawik, the commission would consist of 38 members — six appointed from each of the six county council districts.

The commission, representing both sexes, all ages, varying economic levels, and all professions, could investigate the types of taxes, fees, and other revenue sources, and the quantity and quality of county services, he said.

Slawik also questioned whether tax increases since 1966, when the old levy court was replaced by the county council-executive form of government, "have reformed the services that we all have demanded."

He said, for example, residents living in the southern part of New Castle County have been shortchanged in the amount of county services they receive from their tax dollar.

Slawik made his remarks in a speech scheduled for delivery in 29th Representative District Democrats in Odessa.

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